

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Appointing Jim Gibson) AMENDED
as Justice of the Peace, Pro Tempore, to the) ORDER NO. 9-2020
Columbia County Justice Court)

(Amended to Correct the Appointment Term)

WHEREAS, the Justice of the Peace for the Columbia County Justice Court, the Honorable Diana M. Shera Taylor, occasionally must decline to hear a case because of a conflict of interest or for other reasons; and

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) appointed Teri Powers to serve as Justice of the Peace, Pro Tempore, to the Columbia County Justice Court during Judge Taylor’s temporary absences or when conflicts of interest arise; and

WHEREAS, because Teri Powers is a practicing attorney she occasionally must decline to hear a case because of a conflict of interest or because of her private practice case load; and

WHEREAS, to ensure efficient management of the Justice Court docket, Judge Taylor therefore requests the appointment of Jim Gibson as a second Justice of the Peace, Pro Tempore; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that Jim Gibson currently meets the following requirements of ORS 51.240 to be qualified to serve as Justice of the Peace: (1) he is a citizen of the United States; (2) he has been a resident of Oregon for at least three years immediately prior to appointment; and (3) he has maintained residency within Columbia County, for at least one year immediately prior to the date of appointment; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that because Jim Gibson is not a member of the Oregon State Bar, he will be fully qualified to serve as Justice of the Peace, Pro Tempore, once he completes a course on courts of special jurisdiction by the National Judicial College, or an equivalent course approved by the Chief Justice of the Oregon Supreme Court;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. Jim Gibson is appointed as Justice of the Peace, Pro Tempore, to the Columbia County Justice Court. The appointment shall become effective upon Mr. Gibson’s completion of a course on courts of special jurisdiction offered by the National Judicial College or an equivalent course approved by the Chief Justice of the Oregon Supreme Court. The Justice of the Peace shall provide written notice to the Board of County Commissioners establishing the completion of the required courses provided herein, which shall be the effective date of Mr. Gibson’s appointment.

2. Jim Gibson may serve as Justice of the Peace, Pro Tempore, only during a temporary absence or other incapacity of Judge Taylor, such as when Judge Taylor has a conflict of interest.

3. Jim Gibson's appointment is subject to the continuing education requirements of ORS 51.245.

4. This appointment shall expire one year from the effective date of Mr. Gibson's appointment.

DATED in St. Helens, Oregon, this ____ day of _____, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR
COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: _____
Alex Tardif, Chair

By: _____
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner

Approved as to form:

By: _____
Office of County Counsel

By: _____
Henry Heimuller, Commissioner